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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON THE STEPS TAKEN TO PREPARE FOR THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE (ITEM NO. 55-A, AGENDA OF JULY 3, 2012)

On July 3, 2012, a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky directed the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Directors of Public Health, Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, Regional Planning, and the Fire Chief, and in cooperation with applicable utilities, to provide to the Board no later than six months from approval of the motion:

- 1) Review the information provided by the recently released study of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) "Climate Change in the Los Angeles Region" project, as well as other relevant information;
- 2) Document the steps departments are taking to prepare for the projected effects of climate change;
- 3) Report back to the Board with a cost analysis on the steps departments are taking to prepare for the projected effects of climate change; and
- 4) Recommend any additional actions that the County should take to help the region prepare for the likely effects of climate change.

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In response to the Board's motion, on January 3, 2013, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) provided the Board with a status report that summarized preliminary efforts underway by the mentioned County departments to address the actions outlined in the Board's motion. On July 26, 2013, the CEO requested an extension to April 30, 2014; and provided the Board with a timeline for the release of the seven part UCLA "Climate Change in the Los Angeles Region" study. This is to request for an additional extension, and provide the Board with a status on the release of the remaining parts of the UCLA Climate Change study.

As previously reported, in June 2012, UCLA released the first part of the Climate Change study, which focused on temperature, and subsequently, in June 2013, UCLA released the second part of the study, which focused on the future projections of snowfall. The departments have begun their review and analysis of Parts I and II of the study, as well as other relevant climate change documents. Furthermore, the departments will continue to assess this information to incorporate the findings into their climate change planning efforts as appropriate.

It should be noted that the remaining studies, which consists of Sea Level Rise, Santa Ana Winds, Precipitation/Cloud Cover, Hydrology, and Sierra Nevada Snowpack are expected to be released by summer 2014. We will continue to monitor the release of these studies, and work with the departments on their efforts to prepare for the potential effects of climate change; in addition to review the upcoming studies, identify mitigation measures, and to prepare a cost analysis on those mitigation measures.

We respectfully request an additional extension of the due date to September 1, 2014. This extension will allow for the anticipated completion of the study from the UCLA Climate Change in the Los Angeles Region project, and analysis of the study by the mentioned County departments.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know, or your staff my contact Rita Robinson at (213) 893-2477, or via email at rrboinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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